IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: |) |
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| KIICHIRO TAKAHASHI ET AL. | : Examiner: Stephen M. Brinich |
| KIICHIKO TAKAHASHI ET AL. | : Group Art Unit: 2625 |
| Application No.: 09/678,020 |) |
| Filed: October 4, 2000 | : Confirmation No. 6101 |
| For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS | : |
| AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD |): October 29, 2008 |

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for further action for one month from September 30, 2008 to October 30, 2008.

The \$130.00 extension fee is submitted electronically herewith. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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